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TAIPEI, Formosa AP -A Civil Air Transport Boeing 727 carrying 62 persons from Hong Kong crashed Friday night near Taipei, broke in two and burst into flames. Chinese police said they found five bodies.

The airline said the pilot was trying to make an emergency landing in bad weather when the plane crashed. It said there were 52 passengers and 11 crew aboard.

An uninjured Chinese passenger who said he did not want to be identified told newsmen he noticed flames in the rear of the plane just before the crash.

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